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SUBJECT: HEAD OF IRISH DELEGATION TO IPU CONFERENCE

URGES UK DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN IRISHUNITY

1. ALL DUBLIN DAILY NEWSPAPERS ON SEPTEMBER 7  
FEATURE SPEECH TO BONN IPU CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER  
6 BY JOSEPH BRENNAN, HEAD OF IRISH DELEGATION,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE DAIL, AND MEMBER OF GOVERNING  
FIANNA FAIL PARTY. BRENNAN REPORTEDLY TOLD THE  
CONFERENCE THAT UK GOVERNMENT SHOULD DECLARE ITS  
INTEREST IN IRISH UNITY AND JOIN WITH GOI IN  
WORKING TOWARD THAT END. BRENNAN ALSO REAFFIRMED  
LONG-STANDING IRISH POLICY OF REMAINING OUTSIDE  
MILITARY ALLIANCES.

2. COMMENT: SO FAR AS WE CAN RECALL THIS IS FIRST  
TIME IN RECENT YEARS THAT AN IRISH PUBLIC OFFICIAL  
OF ANY SORT HAS USED AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM TO  
EXPOND VIEWS ON NORTHERN IRELAND ISSUE. IT COULD  
PRESAGE INCREASED GOI ACTIVITY VIS-A-VIS UK  
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GOVERNMENT AND, POSSIBLY, MULTILATERALLY FOLLOWING  
UK ELECTION. BRENNAN'S REPORTED REMARKS ARE ALSO  
INTERESTING IN THAT HIS FORMULATION ON UNIFICATION  
SEEMS TO FALL BETWEEN 1975 FIANNA FAIL PARTY DOCUMENT  
CALLING FOR UK DECLARATION ULTIMATELY TO WITHDRAW  
AND MORE CAUTIOUS PHRASING OF PRESENT PRIME MINISTER  
LYNCH SEEKING UK DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN "BRINGING

THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND TOGETHER." DESPITE BRENNAN'S  
COMMENTS ON IRISH DEFENSE POLICY, GOI SPOKESMEN HAVE  
IN PAST HELD OPEN POSSIBILITY OF GOI PARTICIPATION  
IN SOME FUTURE FORM OF EC DEFENSE ARRANGEMENT. SHANNON

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